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1. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BUT NOT IN EEC CONTEXT,
ALGERIA IS VERY INTERESTED IN SIGNING LONG-TERM AGRI-
CULTURAL SUPPLY CONTRACTS. AT PRESENT TIME ALGERIA IS
IMPORTER OF SOME MILLION TONS OF WHEAT IN AVERAGE YEAR

AND MORE IN BAD CROP YEAR LIKE 1975. WITH RAPIDLY
EXPANDING POPULATION AND ECONOMY, THE 1974/77 FOUR YEAR
PLAN FORECASTS INCREASING IMPORTS OF CEREALS, SUGAR AND
DAIRY PRODUCTS. THUS, ANY EEC PROGRAM GUARANTEEING
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SUPPLIES OF THESE PRODUCTS ON LONG-TERM BASIS

WOULD FALL ON RECEPTIVE ALGERIAN EARS. THEY ALREADY HAVE LONG-TERM CEREAL SUPPLY CONTRACTS WITH ARGENTINA AND CANADA, BUT THE CONTRACTS WITH CANADA ARE CLOSE TO FINISHED.

2. ESSEMIANI OF ALGERIAN STATE CEREAL BUYING ORGANIZATION (OIAC) HAS JUST FINISHED TRIP TO ARGENTINA, US AND CANADA LOOKING FOR MORE LONG-TERM SUPPLY CONTRACTS. PAST SUPPLY CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN AT WORLD MARKET PRICE AT TIME OF SHIPMENT. LOUHIBI, PRESIDENT OF GOA CEREAL OFFICE, IS ABOUT TO RETURN TO US ON SAME PROJECT. HE ALSO HAS HELD A NUMBER OF MEETINGS WITH FRENCH ON SUPPLY CONTRACTS DURING LAST WEEK.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF LONG-TERM AGRICULTURAL CONTRACTS WITH ALGERIA AS THESE TYPIFY ALGERIAN NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER AND CUT INTO EXPANSION OF OUR LARGEST SINGLE EXPORT TO ALGERIA. USDA MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO ADD ON ALGERIAN PURCHASE PLANS AFTER ESSIMIANI VISIT REFTEL B. EMBASSY WILL INFORM DEPT AS SOON AS LOUHIBI'S TRAVEL PLANS APPROVED BY GOA FOREIGN MINISTRY. PARKER

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